

Appl. No. 10/677,015
Amdt. dated July 19, 2007
Reply to Office action of July 5, 2007

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 11-15 as originally presented stand allowed. Claims 3, 5-7, 10, 18, 21 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The present amendment combines dependent Claims 3, 5-7, 10, 18, 21 and 23 with the base claims from which they depend and any intervening claims. Specifically:

Amended Claim 1 combines original claims 1 and 3.

Amended Claim 16 combines original claims 16 and 18.

New Claim 24 combines original claims 1 and 5.

New Claim 25 combines original claims 1 and 6.

New Claim 26 combines original claims 1 and 7.

New Claim 27 combines original claims 1 and 10.

New Claim 28 combines original claims 16 and 21.

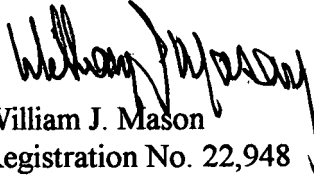
New Claim 29 combines original claims 16, 17 and 23.

New Claim 30 is similar to original Claim 16 except that it requires mechanical extraction instead of solvent extraction, and to amended Claim 1 without the step of solvent extraction of the oil-containing meal.

Claims 2, 3, 8, 9 and 18 have been cancelled. The remaining dependent claims are dependent on now allowable independent claims.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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